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Dear Member of Congress:

The current draft of the American Health Care Act being considered by the U.S. House embraces the important principle that abortion is not health care. It contains important Hyde Amendment protections that ensure taxpayer dollars are not spent to pay for elective abortions or subsidize elective abortion coverage. The bill would also re-direct mandatory funding of America's largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood, to community health centers. These community health centers vastly outnumber Planned Parenthood facilities and provide far more comprehensive health care to women. With the inclusion of these provisions, the pro-life House is sending a clear message they side with the American people and reject taxpayer funding of abortion. We thank them for prioritizing this principle and working so diligently to advance it.

Should the House advance this bill to the upper chamber, the provisions of the bill will undergo scrutiny under the rules governing the Reconciliation process.

SBA List's position on the American Health Care Act is that preventing taxpayer funding of abortion in the bill is a non-negotiable. We are supportive of the current House draft that meets this standard. SBA List would oppose any future version that does not. These protections must be included in the law – executive action as a substitute would be insufficient.

Lives are at stake. SBA List's education and research arm, Charlotte Lozier Institute, published an authoritative study last year showing that the Hyde Amendment has saved 2.13 million human lives – nearly one in every 150 Americans. Prior to the enactment of the Hyde Amendment, Medicaid was paying for upwards of 300,000 elective abortions per year. Because Hyde Amendment protections were not included in Obamacare, the GAO has found that over 1,000 Obamacare plans cover abortion on-demand, subsidized with our tax dollars. This is unacceptable.

We are encouraged that important Hyde Amendment protections are included and that the abortion industry is defunded in the current version of the American Health Care Act. We are thankful to the pro-life Congress and to the pro-life Trump Administration for prioritizing this important pro-life principle. SBA List will continue to work with our pro-life allies as we fight to preserve this principle as the bill moves forward.

For Life,

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